

## Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 30.

## LOCAL MATTERS

Subscribers who fail to receive the GAZETTE regularly will please report the fact to this office at once.

For this section local rains, followed Friday by clear, cooler weather.

**DESTRUCTION OF SMOOT'S TANNERY.**—Shortly after 12 o'clock last night the buildings at Smoot's tan yard were discovered to be on fire. An alarm was soon sounded, and though the fire department lost but little time in hastening to the scene of the conflagration, all the buildings save the Washington street end, where the office is situated, were completely destroyed. Almost simultaneous with the discovery of the fire, which originated in the furnace room, the flames shot upward illuminating the southern heavens, and before they could be gotten under control the entire structure was burning fiercely. The firemen worked heroically, but it soon became apparent that the buildings were doomed to destruction, and that their efforts would have to be directed towards confining the conflagration to the tan yard and prevent its spread to the piles of bark and houses close by. The fire burned fiercely for four or five hours, the heat in the meantime becoming intense, so much so that the rails composing the track in front of the premises were warped and the ties destroyed. The oil and tallow in the building fed the fire continually, and the vast on the ground floor rendered it hazardous for any one not acquainted with the premises to enter and remove the inflammable material, and this morning all that remains of what had long been a successful Alexandria enterprise is the office, the remainder being a mass of smoking and charred ruins. The yard was established by the grandfather of the present proprietors, the late C. C. Smoot, about 70 years ago, and had long been looked upon as an Alexandria institution, about sixty-five men having been employed. The structures fronted on Wilkes street, and extended a full square, from Washington to St. Asaph streets. There were stored in the building and on the premises at the time of the fire about 15,000 hides and 3,000 sides of leather, besides the numerous articles required in a tannery. About fifteen years ago all the buildings save the office were renewed and the facilities of the establishment increased. The loss at present cannot be definitely ascertained as it is impossible to tell what damage has been done to the hides in the vat, but the Messrs. Smoot say that it will amount to \$10,000 and \$50,000. On this there is a total insurance of but \$17,000 on buildings, machinery, stock and everything, including horses, &c. The insurance was divided as follows: Alexandria Company, \$4,400; National of Baltimore, \$2,400; Norwich Union of England, \$2,400; London and Lancashire, \$1,200; Westchester of N. Y., \$2,400; Georgia Home, \$8,000; and Queen, \$1,200. Of this amount it is said the insurance companies will not lose over \$12,000, as the bark, horses, and some other things insured were not damaged. The fire was first discovered by Mr. George Walker, the watchman, who tried to sound the whistle, but not having a sufficient pressure of steam, the blast was not loud enough to be heard any distance. A locomotive happened to be passing down Wilkes street at the time, the hands on which heard the alarm and sounded the engine whistle, and in a few minutes the alarm had spread over the city. A reporter of the GAZETTE interviewed Messrs. Harry and J. Clinton Smoot this morning, and in reply to his interrogatories was told that the tannery would not in all probability be rebuilt, though they could not give a definite answer until after consultation with Mr. W. B. Smoot, one of the firm, who is in Sperryville superintending the tannery there. That it will be rebuilt, however, is extremely improbable, as experience has proven that the remuneration tanneries in cities is small, tan bark being delivered in Sperryville at \$5 per ton, while it costs \$9 to bring the same here. The destruction of the tannery, with the exception of that of the market house building, is the largest fire that has occurred in this city for the past twenty years.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**—The light and finance committees of the City Council met last night to consider the matter of the contract to be entered into between the Schuyler Electric Light Company and the City Council for the erection of an electric plant in this city. The contract as previously prepared was amended by the finance committee in a few particulars in order, as that committee states, to better protect the city's interest. To all of the amendments save one there was no opposition. The one clause which a majority of the finance committee insisted on being incorporated in the contract was that the notes to be given by the city to the electric light company should bear upon their face that they were subject to the faithful compliance of the terms of the contract. On this there was much debate both in the finance committee and in joint committee, but Mr. Cox, the agent for the light company, finally agreed to submit the amended contract to his company for approval. The finance committee afterwards held a meeting and prepared the annual tax, revenue and appropriation bills, which will be submitted to a called meeting of the City Council to-night. The Mayor has called a special meeting of that body for to-night to take action on these bills.

**UNIVERSITY LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.**—The returns from the local examinations held here on the 25th, 26th and 27th of April, were received this morning, and are highly gratifying, every one of the cadets who entered from St. John's Academy having passed, most of them with high honors. Cadet Edwin A. Ballard, of West Falls Church, and Miss Lucy M. Graves, of this city, are awarded University gold medals "for papers of distinguished merit." The list of those who passed is as follows: In English, history and geography, mathematics, chemistry and geology, Edwin A. Ballard, West Falls Church, Va.; Miss Lucy M. Graves, Alexandria; S. Girard Heater, Loudoun county, Va.; H. Ennals Holt, Alexandria, Va.; J. David Lannon, Alexandria, Va.; Miss Margaret Lannon, Alexandria, Va.; S. Mason Lee, Chantilly, Va.; David M. Lichtenstein, New Orleans, La. In English, history and geography, mathematics, chemistry and geology, R. Henry Lee Chichester and Daniel M. Chichester, Fairfax C. H., Va. In English, history and geography, chemistry and geology, Jonas Ross, Opequon, La. In English, history and geography, mathematics, chemistry and geology, Edward R. Dunn, Alexandria, Va. In English and history and geography, Miss M. J. Kline, Alexandria, Va. The young ladies are all pupils of Mount Vernon Institute.

**THE HOUSE RENT.**—The suit of Mrs. Sarah J. House, administratrix, vs. the A. & F. and A. & W. railroads, came up for trial in the Circuit Court of the county to-day. Mrs. House was represented by Mr. J. M. Johnson while Col. F. L. Smith appeared for the railroad company. Mr. C. H. House, it will be remembered, while walking on the railroad track, just outside of the city, on Christmas day, 1887, was run over and killed. His widow now sues the railroad company for \$10,000 damages. A number

of witnesses were examined and much interest was taken in the case. At 4 o'clock this evening Court adjourned till to-morrow when the examination of witnesses will be resumed.

**DECORATION DAY.**—This is decoration day, and being a national holiday, most of the government offices were closed and the post office observed Sunday hours. There was no meeting of 'Change but other business went along as usual. All the excursion boats which went down the river carried large crowds of passengers and many persons came here from Washington to spend the day. Numbers of persons went to the national and other cemeteries to strew the graves with flowers but there was no ceremony. The Confederate mound in Christ Church yard and the base of the Confederate monument was covered with flowers.

**ANOTHER CHARTER.**—Judge Norton to-day granted a charter of incorporation to the Columbia National Sand Dredging Company. The incorporators named are J. K. McCammon, Smith Pettit, C. B. Pearson, C. S. Bradley and A. M. Coyle, all of Washington. The objects of the company are the construction and operation on the Potomac river and other waters of a sand dredging and screening apparatus, recently patented. The capital stock is to be \$100,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, and the principal office is to be in this city.

**CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY.**—Judge James Keith presiding.—R. L. Kitchford vs. Martha Riordan et al.; decree directing commissioner of sale to pay children of G. W. Summers their share of the money from the sale of real estate.

Roach vs. Roach, report of commissioner of sale confirmed.

S. J. House, administratrix, vs. A. & F. and A. & W. R. R., case in progress.

Court adjourned till to-morrow morning.

**NO CONTEST.**—Mr. Brown, who was recently defeated by Mr. W. B. Dobie for Superintendent of Police, says he has no idea of contesting the election. He says that the day after the election he was informed that a number of ballots on which his name appeared had been thrown out but that on making inquiry he learned that there was no foundation for the report. This gave rise to the report that he intended to contest the election.

**THE RAILROAD OFFICE.**—Mr. J. S. B. Thompson, superintendent, and Major C. M. Burum, division freight agent of the Midland railroad, were in Lynchburg yesterday making arrangements for the removal of the latter's headquarters from this city to Lynchburg on June 1st.

**PERSONAL.**—Rev. Dr. W. A. Leonard, of Washington, has accepted the P. E. Bishopric of Ohio.

Mr. W. E. Dienelt left here yesterday for Pittsburgh, where he has secured a lucrative position.

Why suffer longer from dyspepsia, indigestion, want of appetite, loss of strength, lack of energy, malarial, intermittent fevers, etc.? Brown's Iron Bitters never fail to cure these diseases. They act like a charm on the digestive organs, removing all dyspeptic symptoms, such as belching, heartburn, biliousness, etc. Remember it is the only iron preparation that will not blacken the teeth or give headache.

**CATARH CURED.** health and sweet breath secured, by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

**The New Discovery.** You have heard your friends and neighbors talking about it. You may yourself be one of the many who know from personal experience just how good a thing it is. If you have ever tried it, you are one of its staunch friends, because the wonderful thing about it is, that when once given a place in the house, if you have never used it and should be afflicted with a cough, cold or any throat, lung or chest trouble, secure a bottle at once and give it a fair trial. It is guaranteed every time, or money refunded. Trial bottles free at E. S. Leadbeater & Bro's drug store.

**SLEEPLESS NIGHTS,** made miserable by that terrible cough. Shiloh's Cure is the Remedy for you. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

For all diseases of the kidneys, bladder or urinary organs use Finney's Compound Syrup of Buchu, a positive and speedy cure for the following symptoms: Pain in the back, lumbago, nervousness, muscular weakness, vertigo, dizziness in the head, dropsical swellings existing in men, women or children, weakness arising from various abuses. As a blood purifier it has no equal; it eradicates from the blood, through the kidneys, all uric acid and other poisons, leaving the skin smooth and free from all eruptions. BROADUS & SMITH, agents, Successors to S. H. Lunt, Alexandria, Va. Jan 14-6m

**SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY**—a positive cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria and Canker-Mouth. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

FOR 30 YEARS I have been troubled with catarrh—have tried a number of remedies without relief. A druggist here recommended Ely's Cream Balm. I have used only one bottle and I can say I feel like a new man. My catarrh was chronic and very bad. I make this voluntary statement that others may know of the Balm.—J. W. Mathewson (Lawyer), Pawtucket, R. I. I was troubled with catarrh in my head to an annoying extent for three years. After using one bottle of Ely's Cream Balm I was entirely cured.—Wm. J. Cline, Victor, N. Y.

**GARDEN FAIR.** SATURDAY, JUNE 1st, Corner Washington and Oranoco streets, From 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. Admission 1 cent. my30 td

**NOTICE TO DELINQUENT GAS CONSUMERS.**

Gas consumers who are delinquent will please call at the office and settle by the 1st of June, 1889. If not paid by the 10th of the flow of gas will be closed off and the law enforced, as it is now the end of the fiscal year, and the bills must be collected. R. T. COOK, Clerk. W. H. HANTZMON, Supt. my29

**RIBBONS, GLOVES, Swiss and Hamburg Embroideries,** a large and complete line at low prices. CHAPMAN, Agent, 424 King street. my28

**20 DOZEN MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS,** Linen B-corns, reinforced, 3 per \$1 at my28 CHAPMAN'S, 424 King st.

**HAVE you seen the FRENCH SATTEEN REMNANTS** at CHAPMAN'S, 424 King street? Selling at one-half regular price. my28

**A LARGE LINE OF GENTLEMEN'S UNDERWEAR** at CHAPMAN'S, Agent, 424 King street. my28

**WEDDING PRESENTS** of the most select styles in Sterling Silver and Plated Ware. my21m R. C. ACTON, 606 King street.

**WE HAVE now a most complete stock of WATCHES,** first-grade movements, handsomely encased. my21m R. C. ACTON, 606 King street.

**CAMERON'S UNIVERSAL CREAM,** a patent leather dressing, at my11m F. PAFF & SON'S.

**DUFFY'S MALT** and G. O. TAYLOR'S WHISKIES, in cases, just received. my28 3t GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

**STONEWARE.**—A large invoice of good Stone-ware just received and for sale at 10c per gallon by my17 J. C. MILBURN.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

This evening the Relief Hook and Ladder truck was sent to the tannery fire to pull down the walls.

We have received an invitation to attend the closing exercises of Bethel Academy, which takes place on the 19th of June.

Owing to the rain on Saturday the Garden Fair, held by the young ladies of Christ Church, was postponed till Saturday next, when it is hoped the weather will be more propitious.

The large three masted schooner Annie F. Conlon is on the ways at the ship yard, as is the schooner Mary Augusta, recently damaged at Quantico. The sloop B. H. Lambert is also undergoing repair there.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to William J. Baird, of Washington, and Mary W. Cunningham, of Alexandria county, and to J. Woods Barclay and Kate May Rogers, of Rockbridge county.

Last night quite a crowd gathered on the corners opposite the old building on the northeast corner of Columbus and King streets watching the evolution of the colored "Moses" society which held their convention with open windows.

The U. S. Fish Commission has about completed its work with shad. Although the season opened much earlier than last year, owing to the two rainy spells, the number of eggs hatched was much less than in 1889. Last year the commission hatched 153,000,000 eggs, while this year the number is only 76,000,000. However, this total may be increased by 4,000,000 or 5,000,000, as some shad are still being taken at various points.

The members of the committees of Leo Camp and citizens who organized the parade on the day of the unveiling of the Confederate monument, together with the marshals of the parade, were photographed at the monument yesterday evening.

Captain George B. Squires, of Brooklyn, private secretary to the Commissioner of Pensions, went from Washington to Culpeper to-day to deliver the Memorial Day address at the national cemetery there.

Mr. W. H. Lambert, agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, to-day paid to Mrs. C. E. Stuart \$5,000, the amount of the policy held by her husband, the late Judge Stuart, upon his life.

The police report last night as being clear and cool, with neither prisoners nor lodgers at the station houses. The Mayor this morning had no cases before him for trial.

The anti-Mahomedites got a fourth-class postmaster appointed yesterday at Vienna, Fairfax county—the successful candidate being Mr. Street.

It is reported that the white republicans of the city are organizing clubs from which negroes are to be excluded.

There was another heavy fall of rain this evening during which many of the streets were flooded. This being Ascension Day, services were held in the Episcopal and Catholic Churches.

The usual Decoration Day storm prevailed to-day.

Mr. G. E. Price will have for sale in market to-morrow a fine lot of salt water trout and croakers.

A Card.

To the People of Alexandria: In again offering a new and a carefully selected stock of spring and summer goods to my old friends and customers, I feel it due to them to make a brief explanation. Some time ago I announced my determination to close out my business here, with the view of locating permanently in Greensboro', N. C., where I have a dry goods house already established, and therefore had determined to leave my old home and seek a place among strangers. But, fortunately, I have arranged matters so that it will not be necessary for me to make such a sacrifice. For years I have lived among you, and the home roots have grown deep and strong in your soil. I can only say that never in my life was I more thankful than when I felt that the necessity of leaving them up had passed from me. I am now ready with an entirely new stock of dry goods and notions, and will be pleased to have my old customers and the citizens generally call and inspect it, guaranteeing entire satisfaction, with prices as low as can be found elsewhere. Yours respectfully, F. E. DANIEL, M. D. PRETZELDER & CO.

**Saved His Sight.** MR. A. W. HAWKES:—About a year ago I procured my first pair of glasses from some dealer, but they strained my eyes and caused them to ache. I then bought a pair of your Crystalized Lenses, and the effect has been wonderful, as a proof of which I do not use any glasses now and see as well as ever. F. E. DANIEL, M. D. Et. Tex. Med. Record. All eyes fitted and fit guaranteed by L. Stabler & Co., Alexandria, Va.

**ARE YOU MADE** miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

**AMUSEMENTS.** COMMENCING MONDAY, MAY 27. Positively One Week Only.

**WORLD'S MUSEE,** THE GREATEST OF ALL TEN-CENT SHOWS AT 704 KING STREET.

A Bawling Array of Mechanical Wonders, Illusions, Curiosities and Objects of Interest. Mlle. YOLINA, the wonderful electric lady; a living electric battery.

The latest European sensation—the MODERN GALATEA, developing from a lump of clay to a living bust.

A rare and interesting collection of Australian and Samoan Curios, Beautiful Cosmographic Exhibition, including an entirely new collection of Samoan Photographs never before exhibited.

**SPIRITUALISTIC EXPOSE,** showing the tricks used by so-called mediums, spirit rapping, table lifting, rope tests, spirit hands, spirit handwriting, &c., never attempted by any medium.

**JUMBO,** the monster Alligator, the largest ever captured.

Mechanical wonders and other curiosities too numerous to mention.

A new and interesting puzzle as a souvenir to each visitor. Performance hourly from 1 to 5:30 and from 7 to 10. my27-5t

**EXCURSIONS.**

**RIVER VIEW FOR 1889.**

ALEXANDRIANS' MOST POPULAR RESORT.

**STEAMER MARY WASHINGTON.** Will leave Prince street wharf EVERY MONDAY at 10:15 a. m. and 7 p. m. Tickets 25c. Commencing June 10th. EVERY WEDNESDAY at 10:15 a. m. and 7 p. m. Tickets 25c. Commencing June 5th. FAMILY DAY EVERY SATURDAY, leaving at 10:30 a. m. Tickets 10c. Commencing June 1st. No objectionable parties allowed on the above trips. my28 3m E. S. RANDALL, Proprietor.

**Opening of Colonial Beach,** MAY 30, 1889, UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

The favorite steamer JANE MOSELEY has been chartered for the season, and will make her first trip on May 30th. Leaves Washington at nine o'clock, stopping at Reed's wharf, Alexandria.

A great many new features have been added to the place, among which is a new wharf in front of the hotel, built exclusively for passengers; also the amusements that attracted many people to Bay Bridge last season will be at Colonial Beach this year. A new diving deck has been put on the Moseley. Societies and organizations can make liberal terms for charters by applying to R. H. EVANS, 1321 F street n. w., Washington, D. C. SHARPLESS & CO. Proprietors. my27 1w

**LOST AND FOUND.**

**LOST—On Friday, the 24th, a ROLL OF MONEY.** The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at No. 612 King street, Alexandria, Va. my28 3t

**GARRICK'S SALTS,** for tender, scalded feet, at my11m F. PAFF & SON'S.

## MEDICINAL.

**ELY'S CATARRH Cream Balm**

Cleanses the Nasal Passages, Allays Pain and Inflammation, Heals the Sores, Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell.

TRY THE CURE.

A particle is applied into each nostril, and is agreeable. Price 50 cents at Druggists; by mail, registered, 60 cents. ELY BROTHERS, oct23 55 Warren street, New York.

**WATCHES AND JEWELRY.**

Mrs. HENRY WILDT. DEALER IN Watches, Clocks, Jewelry & Silverware, PLATED WARE, SPECTACLES, EYE GLASSES, SILK GUARDS, &c.

All repairing promptly attended to. my21 1m 106 N. ROYAL STREET.

**REMOVAL.**

I have removed my JEWELRY and OPTICAL ESTABLISHMENT to NO. 318 KING STREET (W. W. Adam's old stand), where I will be pleased to see my customers and the public in general. Work which has been left at my Royal street store will be delivered from there. HENRY WILDT, Jeweler and Optician, 318 King street. my16 1m

**CORPORATION NOTICES.**

**NOTICE, TAX-PAYERS.**

**LAST AND FINAL NOTICE.**

Proceedings will be taken to collect by law all bills for delinquent corporation taxes not paid on or before the 31st day of May, 1889.

J. T. HILL, Col. North. Dist. A. F. COX, Col. South. Dist. my23 td

**FANCY GROCERIES.**

**25 KITS**

**NEW SHAD ROE**

FOR SALE LOW BY

**G. WM. RAMSAY.**

**NewPack Lobster**

JUST RECEIVED BY

**G. WM. RAMSAY.**

**TOILET SOAPS**

CHEAP AT

**RAMSAY'S.**

**Pineapple, Edam & Sapsago**

**CHEESE.**

**G. WM. RAMSAY.**

**10 CASES**

**Fruit Puddine**

FOR SALE BY

**G. WM. RAMSAY.**

**FANCY MESSINA**

**Oranges & Lemons**

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**RAMSAY'S.**

**Cheap and Good.**

**C. & B. JAMS,**

IN ONE-POUND JARS, FULL WEIGHT,

**TWENTY CENTS EACH.**

STRAWBERRY, RASPBERRY, RED CURRANT, RASPBERRY AND CURRANT, DAMSON, GOOSEBERRY, GREEN GAGE, AND

**Southwell's Strawberry and Raspberry**

**JAMS,**

In four-pound pots, also full-weight, at

**EIGHTY CENTS EACH.**

For sale by

**G. WM. RAMSAY.**

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W. H. HANTZMON, Supt. R. T. COOK, Clerk. my8

**FOR SALE.**

The TWO-STORY FRAME DWELLING No. 203 South Fairfax street. Apply to my23 1m ALLEN C. HARMON.

**THE CELEBRATED ENGLISH CARVING SETS** (William Beckett, maker) with genuine horn handles, plain and silver-mounted, can be purchased of my21m R. C. ACTON, 606 King street.

**FOR BEAUTY, ELEGANCE AND QUALITY** our well-selected stock of SCARF PINS is not to be surpassed. See four papers of them in window. my21m R. C. ACTON, 606 King street.

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**AT A SACRIFICE.**

**New Purchases—Special Bargains This Week.**

12 pieces Crazy Cloth, cream colored, reduced from 25 to 12½c.

10 pieces solid Black Nuns' Veiling, reduced from 25c to 12½c.

30 pieces Seersucker Gingham reduced from 12 to 8c.

25 Gloria Umbrellas, 26 inches, reduced from \$2 50 to \$1 40.

A lot of Matting at 12½c a yard, or \$4 50 a piece—40 yards.

A lot of Jointless Matting, none better, reduced to 25c a yard.

A lot of Misses', Ladies' and Gents' Vests at half price.

A lot of Men's and Boys' Flannel Shirts.

A lot of Chintilla Laces and Flouncing.

All purchased at reduced prices from a concern closing out business.

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In full force, Large selection of Cloths, Cheviots, Cassimeres, Diagonals, Worsteds and Doeskins, made up to order CHEAP AND GOOD, and fit guaranteed.

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A large lot of goods purchased from an importing house retiring from business, embracing

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At 15c. Most of these goods are worth 25c.

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At \$1, \$1 15 and \$1 25, about 25